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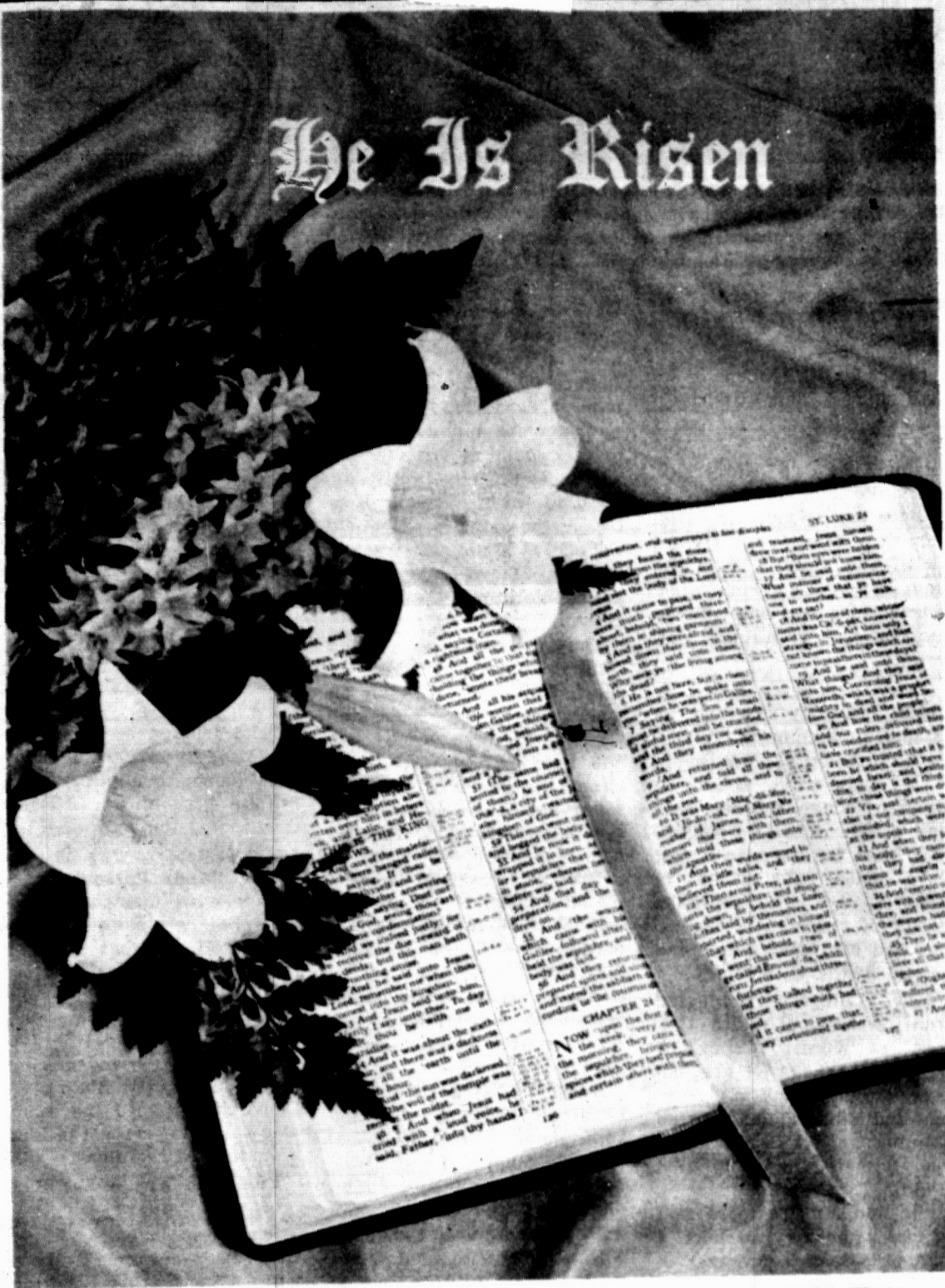
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He Is Risen



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Two SBC Missionaries Are Arrested In Cuba

ATLANTA (BP) — Fidel Castro's security police arrested 53 members of an alleged spy ring, including Herbert Caudill and David Fite, Southern Baptist missionaries.

Caudill, 61, a native of Clinchport, Va., is superintendent of missions in Cuba for the Home Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Fite, 31, a native of Fort Worth, Tex., is a teacher in the Cuban Baptist Theological Institute and pastor of the Beuna Vista Baptist Church in Marianao.

First word of the arrests came by way of a monitored broadcast by Havana radio, which said Caudill had been arrested. A phone call to Mrs. Caudill in Havana confirmed the arrest and informed the board of Fite's internment.

"We were stunned to learn of Caudill's arrest, shocked that he would even be considered in any way as subversive, for we doubt any Cuban loves his country more than Herbert Caudill," said Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta on first hearing the news.

Rutledge, executive secretary of the mission agency, said the State Department has been contacted for aid in securing the missionaries' release. They are working through the Swiss Embassy which handles U. S. affairs in Cuba.

The Havana broadcast said the American, ostensibly

head of the Western Baptist Convention in Cuba, and the other ministers working under the cloak of religion, organized a counter revolutionary group for missions espionage and subversion.

"Caudill gathered much military information, also information of economic and political nature which was turned over to espionage agencies of the United States," Havana radio said.

"At the same time he received instructions and support and issued propaganda against the revolution. Other activities of the gang of spies included helping and concealing counter revolutionaries and trafficking in foreign exchange," the broadcast charged.

News Reached HMB
The news of Caudill's arrest reached the home Mission Board as its executive committee was in session. In an atmosphere of shocked concern, they stopped for a season of prayer for the missionaries.

Those in Cuba include Mrs. Caudill.

Swiss Ambassador To See Two Men

ATLANTA (BP)—The U. S. State Department informed the Home Mission Board that the Swiss ambassador in Cuba would see Herbert Caudill and David Fite, the missionaries, on Monday, April 12.

Lloyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of the Language Missions Department and Caudill's immediate supervisor, said the State Department had formally registered the interest of the United States in the missionaries.

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Mississippi Pastor To Serve In Spain

RICHMOND, Va. — Pastor and Mrs. S. Dennis Hale, of Harmony Baptist Church, Picayune, and Rev. and Mrs. W. Arthur Compere, natives of Mississippi, were appointed missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during its April meeting in Richmond, Va. The Hales will serve in Spain, the Compere in Nigeria.

Mr. Hale and Mr. Compere are students in New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Compere live in New Orleans.

Mr. Hale has been pastor of the Picayune church since December, 1962. Under his leadership the church has moved to a new location and erected a new building (its former site was in the buffer zone of a rocket testing facility of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration). His work with this church has been "very rewarding in experience gained," he told the Foreign Mission Board.

Formerly he was music-youth director for Arrowood Baptist Church, Meridian, and pastor of a church in Opelika, Ala.

MOST SCHOOLS SIGN U. S. COMPLIANCE

By The Baptist Press

More than 70 per cent of junior and senior colleges related to the Southern Baptist Convention have agreed to comply with the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.

A survey by Baptist Press, news service of the SBC, found that 38 colleges will comply with the act. Six colleges said they will decline to comply with the act.

The four Baptist colleges in Virginia, on church-state grounds, have refused to accept loans from federal sources, either for the college itself or for students, and indicated the question of compliance did not affect them.

Compliance is necessary for the colleges to continue to re-

ceive funds from the government through housing and Home Finance Agency construction loans or for student loans through the National Defense Education Act.

Two colleges told Baptist Press they have not reached a decision on whether to sign compliance with the Civil Rights Act. Another said a decision had been reached but did not disclose what it was.

One college which could not comply because of a charter limiting enrollment to white students only was planning to ask permission of the State Baptist Convention to change the charter limitation.

A "no comment" was received from another institution. In all, Baptist Press contacted each of the 52 junior and senior colleges covering the nation from Richmond, Va., to Riverside, Calif.

Baptist Press' contacts were made first with the presidents of the colleges, who in some cases asked other administrative officers to provide information.

Senior colleges which said they will comply with the Civil Rights Act include Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn.; California Baptist College, Riverside; Campbell College, Buies Creek, N. C.; Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Ky.; University of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.; Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex.

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2 State Music Festivals Set

Two State Music Festivals will be held in the Mississippi Coliseum in the near future, it has been announced by Dan C. Hall state music secretary.

A state junior choir festival will be held Saturday, April 24 with a state youth festival planned for Saturday, May 1.

Guest conductor for the junior event will be Cecil Roper, professor of music at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, with Paul Adams, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Starkville, to serve as festival coordinator.

Claude Rhea, dean of the School of Fine Arts, Houston Baptist College, Houston, Texas, will be guest conductor of the youth event with festival co-ordinator to be Gene Hubbard, minister of music of Broadmoor Church, Jackson.

Each festival will begin at 10:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Registration in each case will begin at 9:45 a.m.

A feature of each festival will be a closing mass choir concert at 2:15 p.m. to which the public is invited.

A feature of the youth choir festival will be a concert from 12 noon to 12:30 by the Mississippi College concert choir under direction of Dr. Jack Lyall, head of division of Fine Arts of the college.

Choirs from every section of the state are expected for each event.

Graham To Conduct Alabama Crusades

ATLANTA—Evangelist Billy Graham has accepted an invitation to conduct a week-long crusade in Montgomery, Ala., in June, according to UPI.

A spokesman for Graham said the white and Negro ministerial association extended the invitation to Graham to add the Alabama capital city to the list of other Alabama cities at which he will conduct his crusade in April.

The audiences during Graham's appearances will be integrated.

The evangelist has canceled scheduled appearances in Great Britain to appear in Alabama, a state he indicated earlier this week was being treated as a "whipping boy" on the racial scene.

The crusade in Montgomery will be held June 13-20 in Cramton Bowl, site of the annual Blue-Grass football classic. Other Graham appearances scheduled in Alabama are: Dothan, April 24-25; Universi-



DR. WILFRED CHARLES TYLER

Last Rites Held For Wilfred C. Tyler

The historic sanctuary of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, Blue Mountain, was the setting for the funeral service, conducted on Friday, April 9, at 10:00 a. m. for Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, president of Blue Mountain College from June 1, 1960, until his death on April 7.

Dr. Tyler died at Baptist Hospital in Memphis Wednesday morning, April 6, after brain surgery Tuesday night. He was stricken several weeks ago with influenza, which evolved into encephalitis.

Recently he had shown marked improvement, then suffered a deep relapse. Brain surgery was attempted to correct the condition, but without success.

Appropriately, a close friend of Dr. Tyler and his family, Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, organist, presided at the console.

Surrounding the family, seated in the front center section of the sanctuary, were hundreds of friends, including all men staff members of Blue Mountain College and trustees, serving as pallbearers, faculty, students, and friends, who filled all available space, making use of the church balcony.

Although the family requested that no floral offerings be given, so that memorial gifts might be given to Blue Mountain College, flowers in profusion of color and design, bespoke the messages of love, appreciation, honor, and respect, for Dr. Tyler.

Three ministers, all special friends of Dr. Tyler, participated in the funeral service: Rev. Bill R. Peacock, his pastor; Rev. W. L. Day, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo; and Dr. J. H. Kyzar, long-time pastor of the First Baptist Church, Greenwood.

Tribute Paid
After paying high tribute to Dr. Tyler as a church member and college president, Mr. Peacock presented Mr. Day, who read a brief comforting Scripture message, an appropriate poem, and led the opening prayer.

Special music for the service was rendered by the 57-voice chorus of Blue Mountain College, robed in blue and gold, directed by Dr. Brooks Haynes, chairman of the Department of Music, and accompanied by Frederick C. Tims, assistant professor of piano. The Chorus sang, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," arranged by Dr. Haynes, and "How Lovely Is

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COOPERATIVE GIFTS URGED FOR APRIL

By John Alexander
Secretary of Stewardship
Missionaries Arrested In Cuba! These men must have known this would happen sooner or later—Why did they stay? Devotion to Christ, faithfulness to the call to be a missionary, love for the people to whom they ministered? Would this have happened if we had had enough missionaries there before the present deplorable condition developed? This is one of those

unanswerables, however, athletic Communism and vital Christianity are not compatible.

We could have had more missionaries there if we had had more money to send them! Who must share at least part of the responsibility for this shocking situation? We can't change the past.

April marks the mid-way period of this Convocation year (Continued on Page 2)

Student Conference Set



Warren Woolf

The annual Mississippi Baptist Student Leadership Training Conference will be held at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly April 23-25, according to Rev. Ralph B. Winders, secretary of the Department of Student Work, sponsor.

Presiding will be Irceel Harrison, Jr., student at the University of Southern Mississippi and president of the State Baptist Student Convention.

Local Baptist Student Union officers from more than 38 schools and colleges in the state are expected to attend.

Principal visiting speakers will include Warren Woolf, Atlanta, Baptist student director for Georgia; Dr. J. M. Price, dean of the School of

Religious Education, New Orleans Baptist Seminary; Dr. Myron C. Madden, chaplain Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, and Rev. Lewis Myers, Southern Baptist missionary to Vietnam.

One of the highlights of this year's conference will be a series of four round-robin conferences on Saturday, arranged so each student will be enabled to attend each meeting.

The subjects and leaders will be: Self-understanding, Dr. Madden; Principles of Group Leadership, Dr. Price; Job Analysis, Mr. Woolf, and Sharing Our Faith, Dr. Wm. G. Tanner, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gulfport. (Continued on Page 2)